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	4,774,357	9/27/88	KEGGENHOFF ET AL			
	6,140,382	10/31/00	GALLUS ET AL			
	5,583,251	12/10/96	BUYSCH ET AL			
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	EP 0 561 225	9/22/93	EPO abstract	I	I		X
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